

FORMER WESTERLY PASTOR DEAD

Rev. William L. Swan, Who Left Baptist Denomination to Become Christian Science Practitioner, Found Lifeless in Office—Cycle Club's Theatre Party and Smoker—Funeral of Edward Brennan—Bowen Lodge Election.

Rev. William L. Swan, a former pastor of the First Baptist church, who resigned nine years ago, to become a Christian Science practitioner, was found dead in his office in East Providence, Thursday, death being due to natural causes, probably heart disease. Rev. Mr. Swan was interested in the Noank shipyard property and was manager of the Multigraph company in Providence. He sub-leased his office from Gilbert Carpenter in the Howard building, also a Christian Science practitioner, and his body was found by Mrs. Lillian A. Place, who occupied the same offices. The janitor and the elevator boy say that Mr. Swan entered the building shortly after noon and spoke to them in a jovial way and was apparently in good health.

Mr. Swan was born in Cassville, N. Y., 53 years ago, son of Henry and Phineas Ames Swan, and was a grandnephew of Rev. Jabez Swan, a resident of New London and one of the most noted evangelists of his time. He was a graduate of Colgate university and Colgate Theological seminary of Hamilton, N. Y., where he was ordained at Noank as pastor of the Baptist church in Auburn, N. Y. From there he came to the First Baptist church in Westerly and remained here until his retirement from the Baptist ministry.

Mr. Swan is survived by his wife, a brother, George W. Swan of East Providence, three sisters, Mrs. Charles Dodge, Mrs. Lena Clark and Miss Olive B. Swan, of Utica, N. Y., and a stepdaughter, Miss Grace Knapp, of Noank. Burial will be at Noank Sunday.

Judge Arthur L. Brown, sitting in the United States district court at Providence, has given an important opinion relating to the status of a petit juror in the federal court whose qualifications are questioned because of his having served in a similar capacity in a state court, after a verdict had been rendered by the jury upon which he served in the state tribunal. The judge rules that the contention that service as a petit juror in the state court works as a disqualification to serve in the federal court is unsound, and that the party having had an opportunity to challenge him not having exercised the right in this respect, no disqualification of a juror entitles him to a new trial after the verdict.

Presumably on account of the icy condition of the sidewalks, Friday morning and the rain storm that afternoon, the attendance was not large at the fifth annual exhibition of the South County Poultry and Pet Stock association.

Past Commander Isaac F. Gavitt has been appointed installing officer of

mander; Jackson J. Hood, prelate; Charles Girouard, master of work; John W. Barber, keeper of records and seals; Charles P. Berry, master of finance; William H. Greene, master of exchequer; Henry Ledward, master-at-arms; Robinson Hinde, inner guard; Horace O. Gavitt, outer guard; William F. Loudon, James B. McCarron and Charles H. Langworthy, trustees. It was decided to present a jewel of his office to the retiring chancellor commander, Frank E. Knight.

Local Laconics.
The flow of gas from an open tube on a gas range nearly asphyxiated Lyman H. Ross, 38 Palmer street, last Tuesday night, and the fact, not the gas, leaked out on Friday.

Raymond D. Taylor of Westerly, has been elected manager and T. A. Tillinghast, also of Westerly, has been chosen assistant manager of the Rhode Island State College Basketball team.

At a special meeting of the Ebenezer church, D. A. R. It was decided to continue to hold meetings in the Memorial building, and not hire rooms for meetings and social sessions added.

The Richmond town council has appropriated a sum of money to be expended by Rev. Warren Dawley, overseer of the poor, to purchase Christmas presents for the poor who are cared for by the town.

Mrs. Anna Congdon of the state visiting library force, was at the Westerly Public library, Friday. She is engaged in placing the Carolina Free library on an up-to-date standard and is planning for a formal opening on New Year's day.

Dr. Charles Farrell who interned in the Waterbury hospital, has been appointed to the medical staff of the Rhode Island Hospital for the Insane. He is a brother of John A. Farrell, who has been nominated to be the next postmaster at Westerly.

The streets and sidewalks of Westerly were thinly coated with ice on Friday and there was danger in pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There were some automobile without chains, that skidded into gutters and could not get out with their own power, as the wheels would not take hold on the icy surface.

Eighty members of the Westerly Cycle club attended the entertainment in Bliven Opera house, Friday night, and it was a most enjoyable affair. There were some automobile without chains, that skidded into gutters and could not get out with their own power, as the wheels would not take hold on the icy surface.

The funeral of Edward Brennan who died at Potter Hill, was held Friday with a mass of requiem in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery and the bearers were James Kinney, Daniel Brennan, Albert Bennett and Thomas Brennan. The deceased was a survivor of the Johnston flood, although his first wife and five children were lost in that disaster. He was a loomfixer and employed in the Pawtucket Woolen mill.

The twenty-third annual report of the Comfort club of the Connecticut branch of the Episcopal Women's auxiliary, shows that the boxes received for diocesan and domestic purposes during the year were valued at \$4,175.19.

STONINGTON

George W. Haskell, 21, Killed When Motorcycle Skidded on Icy Road—Ruth Chapter Installation—Death of Mrs. John Sylvia.

Mrs. James Dally, retiring worthy matron of Ruth chapter, Order Eastern Star, inducted these officers at a meeting held Thursday evening: Miss Anna W. Wilbur, worthy matron; Theodore Dewhurst, worthy patron; Mrs. Lillian Carson, associate matron; Mrs. Julia D. Bradley, secretary; William F. Broughton, Jr., treasurer; Mrs. Sophia Jennings, conductress; Miss Charlotte Joseph, associate conductress; Mrs. Anna M. Myers, Adah; Mrs. Frances D. Broughton, Ruth; Anetta Lillibridge, Esther; Mrs. Frank Woodworth, Martha; Miss Helen Keels, Electa; Mrs. Julia Sheffield, Korden; James Dally, sentinel; Mrs. Martin Dovan, chaplain; Mrs. Mary Dally, marshal; Miss Sadie Craig, organist.

Motorcyclist Killed.
George W. Haskell was instantly killed by being thrown from his motorcycle when near the Wequetequock casino, Friday morning at about 3.30. He was riding from Westerly towards Stonington, when the motorcycle skidded on the ice-covered highway and he was thrown headfirst against the iron rail of the trolley road, sustaining a fracture of the skull and a broken neck. Just after the fatality John McCardle of New London, operating a small motor truck, came along and struck something, but just what he did not know at the time. He stopped and investigated. His machine had struck the motorcycle that was lying in the road, well to the right and on the opposite side of the road was the dead body of Haskell with his head close to the rail. At first George thought he had struck the motorcycle before the fatality, but this was impossible, as the relative positions of the body and the motorcycle clearly demonstrated. Mr. Haskell was in Westerly early in the morning and called at a local repair shop to have some slight repairs made to his motorcycle, as he intended to go to Providence. Owing to the icy condition of the highways he deferred the trip and concluded to return to his home in Stonington. Dr. George D. Stanton, after an investigation, decided that death was due to accident and he permitted the body to be removed.

George W. Haskell was 21 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haskell and lived with his parents on the Charles P. Williams estate in Stonington. Besides his parents he is survived by two sisters and two brothers.

Basketball Team.
The Stonington basketball team is now in active practice for the first game of the season, with the team representing the Pratt High school, of Essex. The local team is composed of Edwin Higgins, Patrick Gilmore, William Edgar, Austin Young, John Wemmaker, Robert Edgar and Harry McGowan.

Ladies' Aid Officers.
The Ladies' Aid society of the First Baptist church, in annual meeting, elected officers as follows: Mrs. J. H. Tillinghast, president; Mrs. G. B. Marston, vice president; Mrs. Allen Slade, second vice president; Mrs. Norman Wilcox, secretary; Mrs. Eugene P. Hyde, treasurer.

Town's Vital Statistics.
Town clerk Elias R. Hinckley, registrar of vital statistics, reports 9

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deaths, 14 birth and 12 marriages during November.

Stonington Pointers.
The recent fair of the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company netted \$425. Principal Fay E. Kutscher, of the Stonington High school, gave an interesting lecture, fully illustrated, in School hall, Friday evening, the subject being A Tour of Mexico.

The members of the Holy Name society of St. Mary's church, will receive holy communion Sunday. Miss May Houston, of Boston, direct secretary for New England of the Woman's Baptist Missionary society, will tell of her work among the Kiowa and Saddle Mountain Indians, at the Sunday morning service in the First Baptist church.

Invitations are out for the marriage next Wednesday of Miss Sadie York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton P. York, of North Stonington, and Clarence Lamphire, of West Mystic.

Mrs. John Sylvia, who was born in Stonington 35 years ago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Harvey, died

Thursday afternoon after a lingering illness, of tuberculosis.

COLCHESTER

Miss Elizabeth Day returned on Thursday evening from several weeks' visit with friends in New York.

The board of assessors held a meeting Thursday in the Selectmen's room.

Charles Williams left Friday for a few days' visit with Middletown relatives.

Harry Elgart was visiting friends in New Haven Thursday.

Woolster lodge, F. and A. M., held a meeting Friday evening in Masonic hall.

Postmaster J. J. Sullivan was the guest of friends in Norwich Friday.

R. A. Storrs was in Lebanon Thursday.

W. D. Latham of Farmington is at his home on Linwood avenue for a few days, having been called here by

the illness of his wife.

T. A. Day of Salem was a caller in town Friday.

C. F. Wylie of Millington was a Colchester visitor Thursday.

Arthur Elgart and party were visitors in Norwich, Thursday.

Carl Rogers of Salem was calling on friends in town Thursday.

W. T. Curry and E. A. Jones of Lebanon were callers in town Friday.

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